

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 2.048

IN RE:

COURT REPORTING PLAN FOR DEATH
PENALTY TRIALS AND CAPITAL
POSTCONVICTION PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Florida adopted a new rules of judicial administration, Rule 2.070 (i), requiring the chief judge of each circuit to enter an administrative order developing and implementing a circuit-wide plan to expedite to preparation of transcripts in all cases in which the death penalty is sought and in capital postconviction proceedings;

In consultation with the circuit court judges of the 16th Judicial Circuit,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Whenever and where available, the court reporting manner of the circuit shall assign a court reporter who has the capacity to provide real-time transcription to a report trials in which the state seeks the death penalty and in capital postconviction proceedings.
2. If real-time transcription services are not available, the use of a computer-aided transcription qualified court reporter shall be assigned to report these trials and proceedings.
3. The circuit's court reporting manager is directed to use scopists, text editors, alternating court reporters or other means to expedite the finalization of the certified transcript for these trials and proceedings.
4. The circuit's court reporting manager will impose reasonable restrictions on work assignments by employee or contract court reporters to ensure that transcript production in capital cases is given a priority.
5. The court reporting manager for the 16th Judicial Circuit is further directed and authorized to put into effect any other measures as allowed by law or rule to expedite the preparation and finalization of transcripts in these cases.

This order shall take effect November 1, 2000.

DONE AND ORDERED at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this ____16____, day of
October, 2000.

Mark H. Jones
Chief Judge